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SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILE-ASSOCIATED SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, CHIN-HSI AND HSIAO-PING-TAO, CHINA

1. Continuing analysis of the submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM)-associated flatbed trailers and probable structural test vehicle (STV) transporter observed at Chin-hsi SSM R&D Test Complex [] and Hsiao-ping-tao Submarine Base [] has revealed additional information concerning the identification and use of this equipment (Figure 1).

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2. An empty canvas-covered probable STV transporter was seen in the support area at Hsiao-ping-tao []. This is probably the same type transporter that was observed canvas covered with a probable STV on it at Chin-hsi (Figure 3) near the technical support building []. The dimensions of both transporters (Table 1) are similar to those of the unidentified transporter observed without canvas at Hsiao-ping-tao []. The canvas covering precludes making a precise comparison.

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3. The flatbed trailers, equipped with cradles, are used to transport STVs and/or ejection test dummies at Chin-hsi. However, these utility trailers, without cradles, are also used to transport other objects. Photography indicates that a flatbed trailer was probably used to transport the boom for the portal jib crane from Chin-hsi to Hsiao-ping-tao and back again in the summer and fall of 1972. The assembled mobile jib crane and a possible flatbed trailer were in the support area at Hsiao-ping-tao [] suggesting that the crane had been assembled there. [] a flatbed trailer carrying the boom from the portal jib crane was observed in the logistics support area at Chin-hsi SSM R&D Test Complex (Figure 5). The trailer had probably transported the boom from Hsiao-ping-tao to Chin-hsi and had probably been there []. The crane and flatbed trailers were not present at Hsiao-ping-tao [].

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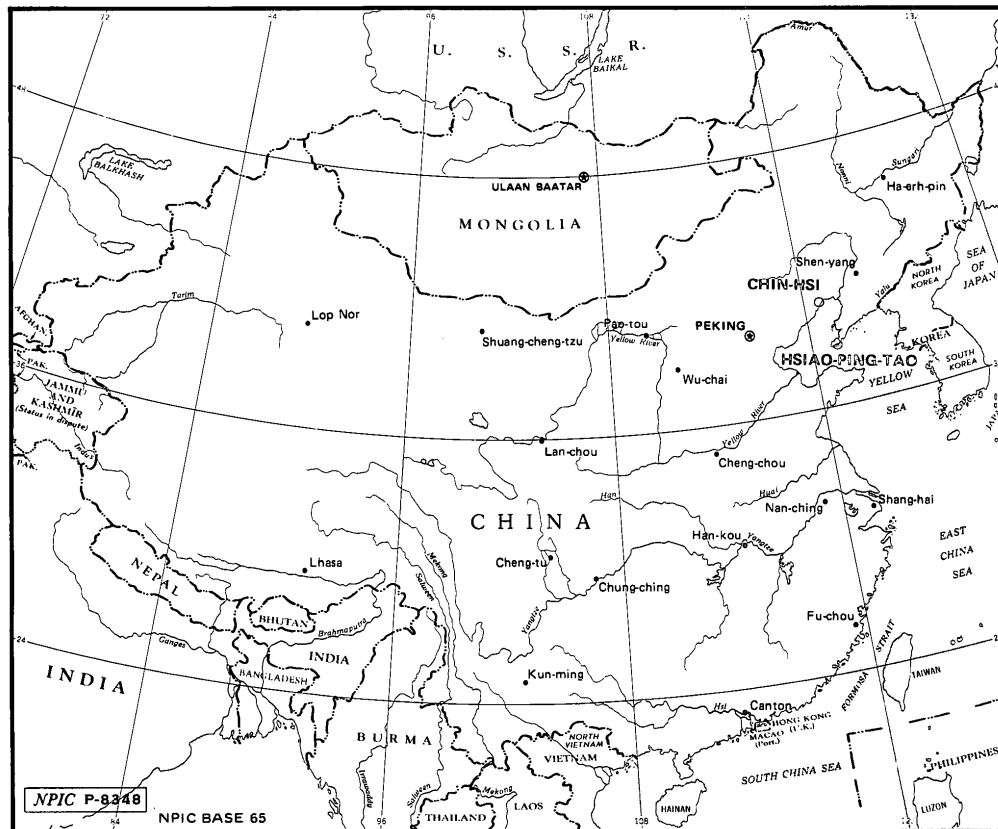


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF SLBM-ASSOCIATED SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, CHIN-HSI AND HSIAO-PING-TAO, CHINA

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Table 1. Description and Dimensions of the Transporters

Description		Comments
Prob STV transporter at Hsiao-ping-tao, Sep 72		Canvas covered
Prob STV transporter at Chin-hsi, Jan 73		Canvas covered with prob STV on it
Unid transporter at Hsiao-ping-tao, Oct 73		Not canvas covered

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